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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: KOREAN QUESTION IN UN

REF: USUN 4376

1. FOREIGN MINISTER KIM YONG SHIK TOLD ME OF RECEIVING REPORT FROM AMBAYCADOR PARK ON CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR BENNETT, REPORTED REFTEL. HE SAID ROKG INCREASINGLY CONCERNED AT CLOSENESS OF POSSIBLE VOTE AND THAT PARK'S DISCUSSION WITH BENNETT WAS CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN TO HIM. A CABLE HAD NOW BEEN DISPATCHED TO PARK INSTRUCTING HIM TO GO AHEAD AND DISCUSS THE SITUATION AND THE POSSIBILITIES FOR ADJUSTMENT IN OUR POSITION WITH THE PRINCIPAL ALLIES IF THE U.S. DELEGATION AGREED. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SPECIFIED, AS HAD UN SECTION CHIEF TO EMBASSY OFFICER EARLIER IN THE DAY, THAT PARK'S INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH USUN FIRST.

2. I TOLD THE FOREIGN MINISTER I WAS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH ME LAST WEEKEND. I SAID, IN MY OPINION, THE POSSIBILITIES INVOLVED WERE BETTER DISCUSSED IN NEW YORK RATHER THAN IN SEOUL. THEREFORSBN THE SOONER THE FOREIGN MINISTER COULD GET TO NEW YORK THE BETTER SO THAT HE COULD PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS TAKING PLACE. HE SAID HE PLANNED TO ARRIVE
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IN NEW YORK EVENING OF NOVEMBER 5 OR AT THE LATEST MORNING OF NOVEMBER 6 AND WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH OUR DELEGATION.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER MADE IT CLEAR HE WAS CONSIDERING ALL

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ALTERNATIVES IN ORDER TO AVOID FAVORABLE VOTE ON OPPOSITION
RESOLUTION. HE REPEATED EARLIER EXPRESSED DESIRE TO GET
THE KOREAN QUESTION OUT OF THE UNGA ONCE AND FOR ALL.
HE WAS OPEN AS TO WHETHER THIS SHOULD BE DONE BY
ARRANVIMENT WITH THE OTHER SIDE, BY AMENDING OPPOSITION
RESOLUTION, OB BY SUBMITTING A THIRD RESOLUTION.
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